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REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action of April 5, 2006, wherein:

- 10 A. An election/restriction was required as to species I (Figs. 1-4); species II (Fig. 5); species III (Figs. 6a and 6b); species IV (Figs. 7 and 8); species V (Fig. 9 and 10); and species VI (Figs. 11 and 12).

15 The Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, species IV, as depicted in Figs. 7 and 8. Species IV is reflected in Claims 1-7, 13-16, 19-23, and 29-32. The remaining claims have been withdrawn from consideration. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner accept the election and provide for timely allowance of the pending claims.

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5 **Concluding Remarks:**

The Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the above comments and remarks, all claims are now in allowable condition. The Applicant thus respectfully requests timely allowance of all of the pending claims.

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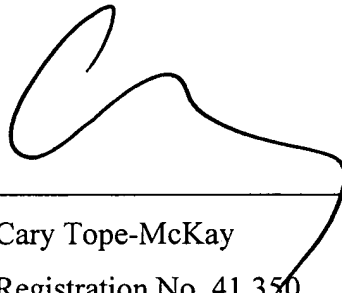
In the event the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, or believes that a conversation with either Applicant or Applicant's representative would be beneficial the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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